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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

A copy of the listed document is attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following is listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and is in a language other than English.

1. Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. 9-139844. The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 2, 3 and 7 of the specification of the above-referenced application.

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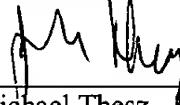
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Respectfully submitted,

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